

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of this application in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-14, 18, 19, 21, and 22 are pending in this application, with Claims 1, 11, 18, 19, 21, and 22 being independent. Claims 15-17, 20, and 23 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-6, 11-14, 18, 19, 21, and 22 have been amended and Claims 24 and 25 have been added. Applicant submits that support for the amendments and the new claims can be found in the original disclosure, and therefore no new matter has been added.

Claims 21-23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. The Examiner suggests that the claimed subject matter “a computer-readable program for . . .” be changed to --a computer program stored on a computer-readable medium including computer program code for . . .--. Applicant has adopted the Examiner’s suggestion and respectfully requests withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 1-23 stand rejected under Section 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,577,907 (Czyszczewski, et al.). Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection for the reasons discusses below.

As recited in independent Claim 1, the present invention includes, *inter alia*, the features of identifying a user of an information processing apparatus and automatically setting information which corresponds to the identified user to a predetermined field of transmission data as sender information of the transmission data. Independent Claims 18

and 21 recite similar features. Applicant submits that the cited art fails to disclose or suggest at least the above-identified features.

Czyszczewski, et al. merely discloses that, after a user has been identified, the name of the user and other employee or personal information can be *appended* to an outgoing document automatically. However, Applicant submits that Czyszczewski, et al. fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of automatically setting information corresponding to an identified user to a predetermined field of transmission data as sender information for the transmission data.

Regarding independent Claim 11, the present invention as recited in that claim includes, among others, the feature of setting second information corresponding to first information that is received from another information processing apparatus to a predetermined field of transmission data that is received from the other information processing apparatus, as sender information of the transmission data. Independent Claims 19 and 22 recite a similar feature. Applicant submits that, for reasons similar to those discussed with respect to Claims 1, 18, and 21, the cited patent fails to disclose or suggest at least the feature of setting second information to a predetermined field of transmission data, as sender information of the transmission data.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that the present invention recited in independent Claims 1, 11, 18, 19, 21, and 22 is patentable over the cited art. The dependent claims are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as the independent claims from which they depend, as well as for the additional features they recite.

In view of the foregoing, Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration, withdrawal of the outstanding rejections, and an early Notice of Allowance are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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